



Double Life: Poems (Paperback)

By Daniel Tobin

Louisiana State University Press, United States, 2004. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Daniel Tobin's stunning new collection, *Double Life*, takes its name from a vision of humanity at once passionately earthbound and spurred by the metaphysical. These poems range from haunting meditations on the paintings of Hieronymus Bosch to an astonishing polyphonic sequence based on the life of Father Bartolomeo de Las Casas, who died in 1566 and wrote the first bill of rights in the New World. Between these two longer orchestrations appear works both musically diverse and startling in their formal virtuosity, as attuned to Plato, the Bible, Dante, Shakespeare, Keats, and the natural world as to TV talk shows, the news, physics, movies, and fast-food restaurants. From the persona of an Irish-Catholic Brooklyn youth on a school trip to Spain to that of a grown man of the suburbs hollowed by doubt, / it's only the observance / of words I keep now to stay the soul, Tobin shows us the search for a way to encompass the world, turning Christian motifs toward new meanings.

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